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FOR LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN ENDED JULY 21

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1. PHILOSOPHICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY, PREPONDERANCE OF
DELEGATES AT UNESCO CONFERENCE, WHICH ENDED JULY 21, SEEMED TO
REGRET ONE-WAY FLOOD OF INFORMATION FROM OTHER REGIONS AND ALSO
FELT THAT PRIVATE MEDIA FROM OTHER REGIONS HAVE FAILED IN PROVIDING
THEIR INFORMATION NEEDS. DEBATE AND FINAL DOCUMENT
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STRESSED NEED FOR INTEGRAL POLICIES IN PLANNING OF PUBLIC

INFORMATION AS NECESSARY FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

2. NEVERTHELESS, THE OPERATIVE PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS WERE VERY MODERATE, OFTEN NOTING ESSENTIALITY OF THE PRIVATE MEDIA AND NEED FOR GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH SAME AND TO RESPECT THEIR FREEDOM. GREAT STRESS LAID ON COUNTRIES TO EXPAND EDUCATION FOR SOCIAL COMMUNICATION AT ALL LEVELS-- POST-GRADUATE TO VOCATIONAL.

3. LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES CALLED ON THEMSELVES TO DO MUCH, AND TO INVEST MUCH, IN TRAINING PROGRAMS IN FILM AND BROADCAST INDUSTRIES, AND TO HOLD CONFERENCE RELATIVE TO PROBLEM OF SATELLITE SYSTEMS. BUT THE BALL IS PROBABLY IMMEDIATELY IN UNESCO'S COURT BECAUSE OF MANY RESOLUTIONS CALLING UPON UNESCO FOR PRELIMINARY AND/OR FEASIBILITY STUDIES.

4. UNESCO ASKED TO HELP IN ESTABLISHMENT OF A LATIN AMERICAN NEWS AGENCY, TO PROVIDE MODELS OF NATIONAL COMMUNICATION POLICY COMMITTEES, TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK UNDERLYING THE RIGHT--ALLEGED--TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS, AND TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF POSSIBILITY OF DRAFTING AN "INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF REPLY."

5. CONFERENCE TALKED MUCH OF "SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS" AND RARELY OF "JOURNALISM." THAT "COMMUNICATIONS POLICY MAY BECOME "COMMUNICATIONS POLICING" WAS A WARNING THAT SEEMED TO CAUSE NO CONCERN. SO MANY ARGUMENTS FOR POLICY-- E.G., CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES, SERVICE TO "MARGINAL" GROUPS--SEEMED TO BE OVERRIDING.

6. YET, REPEAT, CONFERENCE ESSENTIALLY WENT WELL FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS. WIRE SERVICE PROPOSAL--SPECIFICALLY RECOGNIZING RIGHT OF PRIVATE SERVICES--MUST REMAIN FOR SOME TIME A DISTANT VISION; GIVEN THE CONSTANT REMINDERS OF "NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY" INSERTED INTO EVERY ISSUE, ONE WONDERS HOW IT WILL EVER GET OFF THE GROUND WITH ALL THE UNESCO STUDIES AND INPUTS. CONFERENCE DID NOT SPEAK OF CONTROLS OF INFORMATION BUT RATHER OF EXPANSION OF INFORMATION.

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7. MUCH WORSE WAS EXPECTED. IN CONTRAST TO QUITO MEETING, LITTLE SPECIFIC CRITICISM OF U.S., OTHER THAN MODERATE REMARKS MADE BY CUBAN DELEGATE. RATHER, CRITICISMS OF LARGE UNNAMED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THEIR COMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATIONS WERE VOICED. EARLY DENUNCIATIONS BY THE IAPA (INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOC.), STEADY TESTIMONY BY IAAB (INTER-AMERICAN ASSOC. OF BROADCASTERS) LAWYERS, QUIET CORRIDOR WORK BY U.S.

DELEGATE OBSERVER BELL, AND A RINGING DEFENSE OF FREE PRESS VALUES BY PANAMA WERE PROBABLY HELPFUL IN MAINTAINING THE EVEN TENOR OF THE CONFERENCE. VERY EFFECTIVE, TOO, WERE THE LIBERAL VIEWPOINTS EXPRESSED VERY EARLY IN THE CONFERENCE BY DELEGATES OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND OF URUGUAY. THEY WERE LIGHT, HUMOROUS, AND WELL REASONED; THE CONFERENCE WAS ENLIGHTENED AND ENTERTAINED.

8. LINE-UP OF COUNTRIES BY PERFORMANCE:

A. HARD-LINING (FULMINATING AGAINST "CULTURAL AGGRESSION" AND PRIVATE OWNERSHIP) APPEARED TO BE: MEXICO, HONDURAS, PERU, GUYANA, VENEZUELA, AND ECUADOR (REPRESENTED BY MARXIST-ORIENTED CIESPAL DIRECTOR ORDONEZ--WHO ASSUMED HARD LINE AFTER DEPARTURE OF HROLOLONEL JIMENEZ, CHIEF OF DELEGATION).

B. REASONABLY HARD: BOLIVIA (IN CONTRAST TO WHAT MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN LA PAZ HAD INDICATED TO EMBASSY WHAT BOLIVIAN POSITIONS WOULD BE).

C. MODERATE: CHILE, COLOMBIA, PANAMA, BRAZIL, COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, AND GUATEMALA.

D. LIBERTARIAN: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, URUGUAY, AND SURINAM.

E. ABSTAINING THROUGHOUT: ARGENTINA.

F. OTHER COUNTRIES: NO INPUT.

9. THIRTY FOUR RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED. ONE WAS WITHDRAWN (A SLASHING ATTACK ON PRIVATE MEDIA BY HONDURAS) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND ONE WAS DEFEATED (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EFFORT TO LIMIT GOVERNMENTAL INTERDICTION IN BROADCASTING). OTHERWISE, ALL RECEIVED TOP HEAVY SUPPORT WITH--VERY RARE--ONE OR TWO NEGATIVE VOTES (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND URUGUAY).

10. RESULTS OF CORRIDOR TALKS:

A. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS, U.S. OBSERVER DELEGATION LEARNED OF EXCELLENT GROUNDWORK LAID BY EMBASSIES IN CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTRIES IN RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS. SINCE DELEGATION INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE, INITIAL CONTACTS WERE MOST TENTATIVE. SEVERAL DELEGATES SOUGHT US OUT. COLOMBIAN VICE MINISTER OF INFORMATION SHOWED US LETTER FROM EMBOFF. PANAMANIAN DELEGATE VELARDE LOOKED

US UP WITH COMMENT THAT PAO HAD SUGGESTED CONTACT.
EL SALVADOR DELEGATE, ACQUAINTED WITH IO JOHNSON, WAS
FRIENDLY FROM BEGINNING.

B. ALSO, DOMINICAN, URUGUAYAN, AND CHILEAN REPS
WERE KNOWN TO BELL FROM QUITO MEETING. CONTACT MADE EARLY
WITH COHEN OF VENEZUELAN DELEGATION BUT IT WAS SOON CLEAR
HE IS LARGELY MEDIA TECHNICIAN AND ADVISOR. VENEZUELA,
WHICH APPARENTLY HAD IDEAS OF LEADING CONFERENCE, TOOK LEAD
FROM MINISTERIAL OR PERHAPS PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL.

C. FRIENDLY DELEGATES SOON MADE POSITIONS CLEAR IN
OPPOSING, AS IN CASE OF URUGUAY AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
OR TAKING MODERATE STAND, AS IN CASE OF COLOMBIA.
VIEWS OF DELEGATION ALSO MADE APPARENT EARLY IN COMMENTS,
PROPOSALS, AMENDMENTS MADE IN PLENARY AND COMMISSION SESSION
(SURINAM DELEGATION SOUGHT OUT U.S. OBSERVER DELEGATION TO
EXPRESS HIS OPPOSITION TO ANY RESOLUTION OR MOTION ON
PANAMA CANAL. TASK OF DELEGATION THEN BECAME ONE OF
CHEERING ON FRIENDS AND CHARILY TRYING TO FIND OUT AS MUCH
AS POSSIBLE ABOUT PROGRESS OF CONFERENCE FROM OTHERS.

D. CONTACT WAS ALSO MAINTAINED ON PERSONAL BASIS WITH
SUCH HARD-LINERS AS PERU, CUBA, AND GUAYANA.

E. COSTA RICAN DELEGATION, OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN
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NEW OR BEEFED-UP JOURNALIMS TRAINING CENTER, EXPRESSED
CONCERN ABOUT "IDEOLOGICAL BENT" OF CIESPAL IN QUITO AS
WELL AS IN QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION.

F. IN SUM, CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS
BY AND LARGE REFLECTED OR ANTICIPATED VIEWS MADE IN
CONFERENCE; THERE WERE NO SURPRISES. ALSO, WORK DONE BY
EMBASSIES BEFORE CONFERENCE ENORMOUSLY FACILITATED
CORRIDOR CONTACTS BY U.S. DELEGATION, AND DELEGATION IS
GRATEFUL FOR IT.
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